CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, wherein shock is absorbed by crashing said shock absorbing member, comprising:

a front end of said shock absorbing member located in front of a front wheel or in the vicinity of said front wheel;

a top wall of said shock absorbing member located at such a position that the top wall of said shock absorbing member does not block a forward viewing area for a driver, the top wall having a forward section with an inclined upper surface for permitting an operator to have a forward viewing area that is not obstructed;

a center of a leading end contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a position higher than a vertical position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said driver; and

right and left side surfaces of said shock absorbing member offset to a center of a vehicular body from right and left side surfaces of said vehicular body,

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wherein said shock absorbing member is mounted on a front cover and includes a rear peripheral wall that is curved into a shape to follow that of the front cover, and

wherein a central portion of the rear peripheral wall is concave-shaped so as to fit against a convex-shaped portion of the front cover.

2. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs having lengths extending substantially in a vertical direction with respect to the vehicular body so as to be arranged at substantially right angles to the shock to be absorbed.

3. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **2**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs includes ribs with partially thinned sections for facilitating the absorption of a shock.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **2**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to be bilaterally symmetric with respect to an axis of shock absorbing member.

6. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **2**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are divided into a plurality of sections within said shocking absorbing member for sequentially absorbing a shock.

7. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **6**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs form substantially triangular shapes within each of said plurality of sections.

8. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **1**, wherein said shocking absorbing member is formed from resin.

9. (Previously Presented) A shock absorbing structure for a vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, comprising:

a front end of said shock absorbing member located forward of a front wheel;

a ceiling wall of said shock absorbing member, the ceiling wall being formed with an inclined upper surface and being positioned so as not to block a forward viewing area of an operator of the vehicle;

right and left side surfaces of said shock absorbing member being offset to a center of a vehicular body from right and left side surfaces of said vehicular body; and

a center of a leading end contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a vertical position higher than a position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said operator,

wherein said shock absorbing member is mounted on a front cover and includes a rear peripheral wall that is curved into a shape to follow that of the front cover, and

wherein a central portion of the rear peripheral wall is concave-shaped so as to fit against a convex-shaped portion of the front cover.

10. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim **9**, wherein said shock absorbing member is mounted on both the front cover and a body frame of the vehicular body, and

wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs having lengths extending substantially in a vertical direction with respect to the vehicular body so as to be arranged at substantially right angles to the shock to be absorbed.

11. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim **10**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs includes ribs with partially thinned sections for facilitating the absorption of a shock.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **10**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to be bilaterally symmetric with respect to an axis of shock absorbing member.

15. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **10**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are divided into a plurality of sections within said shocking absorbing member for sequentially absorbing a shock.

16. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **15**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs form substantially triangular shapes within each of said plurality of sections.

17. (Original) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **9**, wherein said shocking absorbing member is formed from resin.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **2**, wherein said shock absorbing member is mounted on both the front cover and a body frame of the vehicular body.

21. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **1**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to form spaces having cross sections that are substantially triangular shaped and trapezoidal shaped.

22. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **9**, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to form spaces having cross sections that are substantially triangular shaped and trapezoidal shaped.

23. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim **1**, wherein said inclined upper surface of the top wall causes reinforcing ribs at a forward end of the shock absorbing member to have a height that is shorter than said reinforcing ribs at a rear end of the shock absorbing body.

24. (Previously Presented) A shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, wherein shock is absorbed by crashing said shock absorbing member, comprising:

a front end of said shock absorbing member located in front of a front wheel or in the vicinity of said front wheel;

a top wall of said shock absorbing member located at such a position that the top wall of said shock absorbing member does not block a forward viewing area for a driver, the top wall having a forward section with an inclined upper surface for permitting an operator to have a forward viewing area that is not obstructed;

a center of a leading end contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a position higher than a vertical position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said driver,

wherein said shock absorbing member is mounted on a front cover and includes a rear peripheral wall that is curved into a shape to follow that of the front cover, and

wherein a central portion of the rear peripheral wall is concave-shaped so as to fit against a convex-shaped portion of the front cover.

25. (Previously Presented) The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs formed for absorbing a shock, and

wherein at least one of the ribs formed substantially as planes extending downwardly from the top wall and extending laterally between right and left side surfaces of the shock absorbing member extends downwardly from the forward section of the top wall having the inclined upper surface.